



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *October 2015 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

November 13: Tour of WFYI

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### **Highlights from the October Meeting:**

New Hams in attendance were welcomed: Amardeep Chana, AC9MF and Mark Folsh who is working on getting his ticket.

November is election month. All of the officers have agreed to run again. If you would like to run for an office or know someone who would, please contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net).

The November meeting is at Channel 20. An email will be sent out with info on parking and directions.

The Christmas Dinner meeting will be at Primo again on December 11, 2015 at 6pm. Members \$20 and non-members \$30.

Prizes tonight: Jim Rinehart, K9RU, donated 2 \$80 speakers.

Tony Stokes, KU9V, gave a report of the Hilltop Event. There were 9 stations on the air. All but one log has been received.

A new website has been set up for hams looking for an Elmer.

Go to <http://indianaelmernetwork.us/> to see it.

It was announced that Doreen Everett, AE9QM, past ARRL Club Coordinator and wife of Lou Everett, Sr, WA5LOU, suffered a stroke on September 19. If you would like to drop a line of encouragement via email, she can be contacted at [doreen@doreeneverett.com](mailto:doreen@doreeneverett.com)

Scout Troop 306 Avon in Hendricks County will be operating as K9W for JOTA – the Jamboree On The Air - on October 16, 17 and 18. JOTA is in its 58th year within Scouting and the ARRL. HCARS is co-sponsoring this event. The K9W operation will include two HF stations, DSTAR, DMR radios and simplex analog radios. All school aged children are encouraged and welcome to participate. If you plan to camp at the site, please register with the troop at <http://troop306avon.com/>. For more information, please contact Wayne, AC9HP, at <mailto:wormichael@hotmail.com>. If you're not coming, listen to us and make a contact!

Our speakers were Tom Chance, K9XV, Mark Musick, WB9CIF, Steve Wendt, KB9RDS, and Jim Rinehart, K9RU, about antennas.

There were 50 in attendance.

*[Thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for notes from the meeting.]*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **VIBROPLEX ACQUIRES INTERNATIONAL RADIO**

Vibroplex LLC of Knoxville, TN announced the acquisition of International Radio Corporation of Aptos, CA. The sale was finalized on September 23. International Radio, commonly referred to as “Inrad”, is the leading manufacturer of aftermarket and OEM crystal filters for Amateur Radio transceivers and receivers with some 250 different models currently available for present day equipment and obsolete gear dating as far back as the 1950's. Inrad is presently the OEM roofing filter supplier for the popular Elecraft K3/K3S series of HF transceivers. The last day of operations in California was September 22. Inrad is now up and running at the Vibroplex offices in Tennessee but the backlog of present orders on hand will take several more days to fill. The former and new owners say thank you to the Amateur Radio community for more than 40 years of Inrad business. Inquiries about Inrad can be directed to the main Vibroplex email address at [vibroplex@vibroplex.com](mailto:vibroplex@vibroplex.com) or [sales@inrad.net](mailto:sales@inrad.net)

## **ARRL ASKS FCC TO CLARIFY ABOUT HAMS MODIFYING GEAR FOR AMATEUR USE**

The ARRL has asked the FCC to make clear that Amateur Radio licensees may modify non-amateur equipment for use on Amateur Radio frequencies. Some hams have expressed concerns that recently proposed rules would inhibit post-sale modification of Wi-Fi equipment, now sometimes altered for use on Amateur Radio frequencies. The ARRL made its point in comments filed on October 8 on a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in ET Docket 15-170 and RM-11673. The proceeding mostly addresses proposed amendments to FCC rules regarding authorization of RF equipment. The NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at, [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-92A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-92A1.pdf).

"The Commission should clarify...that the ability of licensed radio amateurs to modify and adapt non-amateur equipment for use in the Amateur Service is beneficial, is permitted, and is not restricted by any rule of general applicability adopted in this proceeding," the League said in its comments. The ARRL said proposed rules requiring manufacturers to include security features to prevent network devices from being modified were "problematic," to the extent that they would preclude hams from adapting network equipment for ham radio applications.

## **“USE IT OR LOSE IT” NET BACK**

If you have 220 MHz gear, tune in to the 224.22 (88.5 Hz tone) repeater, located just east of Danville on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for the “Use It Or Lose It” net. It's a good opportunity to check out 220 MHz propagation. This repeater has a very good coverage pattern.

## **FALL SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP COMING UP**

October 19 through 23 brings the fall School Club Roundup. The objective of the SCR is to contact as many elementary, middle, high school or college clubs. The contest is sponsored by the ARRL, with the Hudson Division Education Task Force and the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club to foster contacts with and among school radio clubs.

Award certificates are available in several categories. For more information, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

## HENDRICKS COUNTY CLASSES COMING UP

The annual amateur radio licensing classes in Danville will be starting on January 27, and running every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

## INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB VE TESTING SCHEDULE

*(All sessions start at 12:00 noon)*

~~November 14, 2015 - Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21<sup>st</sup>, Indianapolis, IN~~ **NO TESTING DUE TO FT. WAYNE HAMFEST**  
Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis, (317) 363-7457, Email: [ws9h@arrl.net](mailto:ws9h@arrl.net)

**December 12, 2015** - Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN  
Contact: James K. Rinehart, (317) 495-1933, Email: [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)

## HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$115 for it. I also have an unused MFJ Artificial Ground. I would like to receive around \$80 for the unit. (Prices reduced). Thanks, David Wilhelmus, WA9OUX  
Contact : [wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com)  
Phone: 317 926-2358

## FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## Signals from the Past:

### From the October, 1960 *Amachewer*:

Recently the newspapers carried the story of the retirement of D. J. Angus from active participation in the Esterline Angus Co.....

D. J. was in on the founding of the IRC in 1914 and has retained his membership throughout the years ever since.....

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- **October 24: Shelbyville Tailgate hamfest** More info at <http://brvars.com/shelbyville-tailgate-2015/>
- **November 14: Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo** More information at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>

## 2015 Officers:

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